

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Department of Health, CenterPoint, 20435 72nd Avenue S., Suite 200, Kent, WA.

On November 12, 2002, the Board of Physical Therapy met at the Department of Health, CenterPoint, 20435 72nd Ave. S, Suite 200, Kent, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Stockton, PT, Chair
Shawn Quigley, PT, Vice Chair
Teri Yap-Yoshikawa, PT
Chuck Martin, PT

STAFF PRESENT

Kristin Hamilton, Program Manager
Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Melissa Hartley, Staff Attorney
Alan Copsey, AAG, Board Advisor (by phone)

GUESTS PRESENT

Patricia Van Wagner, PT

OPEN SESSION

Tuesday, November 12, 2002 – 9:00 AM – OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as published.

1.2 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The September 17, 2002, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Stockton introduced newly appointed Board member, Charles (Chuck) Martin, PT. Mr. Martin briefly described his background.

3. REPORT ON FEDERATION OF STATE BOARDS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Stockton provided to the Board information and highlights from the September FSBPT Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

4. REPORT ON DEPT. OF HEALTH BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES CONFERENCE

Ms. Yoshikawa provided information and highlights for the Board regarding the BCC Conference that she attended in October. Ms. Yoshikawa felt that

conference provided valuable training and insight into the Department and the disciplinary process.

5. LETTER FROM REDGE CAMPBELL, MS, OTR/L

The Board, with assistance from Board Advisor Alan Copsey, AAG, responded to Mr. Campbell's request for information regarding physical therapists administering controlled substances that have been prescribed by a physician. It is the Board's position that this type of medication administration is not allowed under the PT Practice Act.

6. LETTER FROM ADAM KARP, JD, MS

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Karp requesting information as to whether or not physical therapists in Washington may provide PT services on animals. The PT Practice Act very clearly limits the practice of physical therapy in Washington to the provision of PT services to humans. For the questions concerning which activities would be deemed physical therapy, the Board referred Mr. Karp to the laws regarding Veterinary medicine.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEMBERS

The Board discussed the Howe Report's suggestion that Boards and Commissions have more public member positions added to their membership. The Board supports this concept as public members have played a vital role in regulating the practice of physical therapy.

8. BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEMBER PROTOCOLS

The Board reviewed and discussed suggested protocols for Board, Commission and Committee members. The Board will further discuss these protocols at their March meeting.

9. FELONY AND GROSS MISDEMEANOR POLICY

The Board reviewed and discusses for possible adoption the HPQA Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Policy. The Board elected not to adopt this policy at this time.

10. EMAIL FROM LINDA DEARDORFF, PT

The Board discussed an email from Linda Deardorff, PT, regarding her observations of the reactivation process for licensure. The Board noted Ms. Deardorff's concerns and will explore ways to address these concerns in the coming months, possibly through rule making.

11. LETTER FROM SHERRI PARU, PT

The Board will discussed a letter from Sherri Paru, PT, Clinical Advisor/Investigator for the Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board, regarding use of "alternative therapies". With regard to Ms. Paru's questions as to whether or not certain techniques are considered psychotherapy and would

therefore be considered outside the scope of physical therapy, the Board declines to respond, as this question would more appropriately be answered by the Oregon regulatory body responsible for determining the scope of psychotherapy in Oregon. Ms. Paru also asked the Board whether myofascial release and cranio-sacral therapy are within the scope of practice of physical therapy in Washington. It is this Board's position that the definition, or scope, of physical therapy outlined in RCW 18.74.010(3) allows for both myofascial release and cranio-sacral therapy, and that graduates from approved PT programs are trained to perform these therapies.

12. PROGRAM REPORT – *Information provided to the Board by the Program Manager.*

12.1 Report on attendance at the FSBPT Council of Board Administrators meeting in Chicago.

Ms. Hamilton provided an update to the Board concerning events at the FSBPT Council of Board Administrators meeting in Chicago, in September.

12.2 DOH Information Update

Ms. Hamilton provided information concerning the upcoming move of DOH offices to a new facility.

12.3 Update on Applications from non-CAPTE Graduates Handled Under Board Policy 4.7a

Ms. Hamilton provided a brief summary of results regarding applicants from non-CAPTE approved programs who have applied for licensure since the Board adopted Policy 4.7a. A more complete analysis will be provided at a future meeting.

12.4 Planning for Upcoming Meetings

- January: Invite Senior Health Law Judge Patricia Latsch to present information concerning the hearing process;
Policy review (initial review);
Operating Agreement (initial review).
- March: Policy review (final review);
Operating Agreement (final review);
Discussion regarding review of credential evaluators.
Review to be completed at the July meeting.

12.5 Provided for the Board's Information without discussion

- PTWA 2003 Legislative Session Issues Paper
- CAPTE Accreditation Update
- October 2002 FSBPT News Briefs

CLOSED SESSION

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

- Applicant A: Application denied pending completion of pharmacology course and three (3) semester credits in humanities.
- Applicant B: Application denied due to insufficient course work in general education, and insufficient professional level course work, including a "D" grade in a professional level course.
- Applicant C: Application approved.

14. DISCIPLINARY CASE REVIEWS

- Case No. 2002-09-0001PT
ACTION: Case closed. No violation.
- Case No. 2002-10-0005PT
ACTION: Case closed. No violation.
- Case No. 2002-09-0002PT
ACTION: Case closed. No violation.
- Case No. 2002-03-0002PT
ACTION: Case closed. No violation.
- Case No. 2002-03-0003PT
ACTION: Case closed. No violation.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Signature on file

Kristin Hamilton
Program Manager

Signature on file

Sam Stockton, PT, Chair
Board of Physical Therapy